

REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 12 and 13 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 9 are amended. The amendments introduce no new matter because they are made to simply clarify features recited in the pending claims. A Request for Continued Examination is attached. Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-4, 6-10, 12 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,437,836 to Huang et al. (hereinafter "Huang") in view of JP-A-2000370120 to Nagasaka et al. (hereinafter "Nagasaka") and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0042247 to Inoue; and rejects claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Huang, Nagasaka, Inoue, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,061,648 to Nakajima et al. (hereinafter "Nakajima"). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Applicants' April 30 Request for Reconsideration After Final Rejection argued the reasons why Applicants believe that the applied references fail disclose "the scroll control unit changes a scroll amount based on a distance from the predetermined point to the specification point, and changes a scroll direction based on a direction of the specification point with respect to the predetermined point when the display is scrolled," as recited in claim 1 (and the corresponding feature of claim 9). In response, the Patent Office mailed an Advisory Action, which states, in pertinent part, that the Examiner disagrees with Applicants' arguments that in no way fails to teach the recited scrolled control unit. The Examiner asserts, in the Advisory Action, that he still believes that the claim is broad enough to read on the Inoue reference. Without conceding the propriety of this conclusion and simply to advance prosecution, the claims are amended as discussed below.

During an April 28 personal interview with Examiners Ekpo and Shang, Applicants' representative discussed possible amendments to clarify the subject matter recited in the

pending claims. At that time, the Examiners indicated that by amending the claims in the manner that claims 1 and 9 are amended by this Amendment, the prior art rejections of the Office Action would be overcome. The Interview Summary for that interview indicates that "Applicant's [sic] proposed amendments appear to overcome the prior arts [sic] of record." The Advisory Action reiterates the Examiners' position in this regard stating that "Applicants proposed amendment discussed during the personal interview on April 28, 2009 is more specific to the claim limitations and will overcome the Inoue reference." Based on this combination of positive assertions from the Examiners, and understanding that the above amendments place this application in condition for allowance, the claims are amended as discussed during the April 28 personal interview.

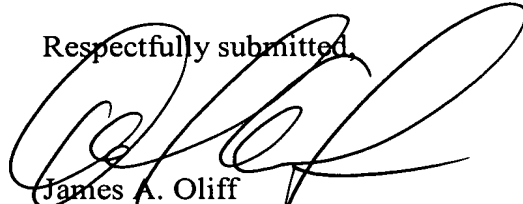
For at least the above reasons, and as agreed during the April 28 personal interview, the asserted combinations of applied references would not have suggested the combinations of all of the features recited in independent claims 1 and 9. Further, claims 2-8, 10, 12 and 13, which variously depend from claims 1 and 9, also would not have been suggested by the applied references for at least the reasons discussed above, as well as for the additional features they recite.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1-10, 12 and 13 are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-10, 12 and 13 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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